



# NEWS RELEASE

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## A Celebration Of African-American Heritage In Las Vegas

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January 16), Peace Week (January 15-21) and Black History Month (February), the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services presents the following special events and activities for all Las Vegas area residents to enjoy. All programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.

### January 2006

#### **Free MLK Appreciation Day** (all ages)

Wednesday, January 11, 10 a.m.

Doolittle Senior Center, 1950 N. J St., (702) 229-6125.

Learn something you did not know about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Refreshments will be provided. Please call to reserve your seat in advance.

#### **I Have A Dream Workshop** (ages 5-15)

Thursday, January 12, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fee: \$1

Becker Community School, 9110 Hillpointe Road, (702) 229-2482.

Youth will make a peace bracelet, enjoy a snack and learn how Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. changed history.

#### **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Hoops Basketball Tournament** (grades 4-8)

Friday through Sunday, January 13-15, beginning at 9 a.m.

Fee: \$150 per team + officials' fees.

Doolittle Community Center, 1950 N. J St.

Open to middle school teams and competitive recreation teams, grades 4-5 and 6-8.

Each team is guaranteed to play 3 games. Teams registered in Doolittle Youth Basketball League will receive a 50% discount on tournament fees. Call (702) 229-1646 for information.

#### **Free Peace Week Celebration**

Sunday, January 15, 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Division of the city of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services, Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, Clark County Commissioners Offices-District D & B, and the Frederick Douglass Educational Foundation. Call (702) 229-4800 to register for workshops. Call 507-3989 for evening program reservations.

Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu will facilitate a youth development workshop for boys and girls ages 10 to 18 from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. at the West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

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Young Men's Workshop, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.  
West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

Reception, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
West Las Vegas Arts Center, 947 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 229-4800.

Cultural Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
West Las Vegas Library Theatre, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd., (702) 507-3989.

**Free Peace Fest and Vigil** (all ages)

Monday, January 16, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; vigil at 4 p.m.  
Enjoy a day of activities to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., including music, food, performers and vendors at Dr. King's statue, located on Martin Luther King Boulevard at Carey Avenue. Event sponsored by the city of Las Vegas, Clark County and the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District. Call (702) 229-5080 for information.

**Peace Week Crafts Workshop** (ages 4-10)

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fee: \$5  
Clark Community School, 3074 Arville St., (702) 365-9272.

**"What Is Your Dream" Essay Contest** (grades 1-5)

Submission deadline: Friday, January 20, 5 p.m. Free entry.  
Elementary school students are encouraged to submit an original 50-word essay about their special dream. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded for the best essay. For information, call 229-1646 details.

**February 2006**

**Doolittle Movie Matinees**

Wednesdays 12:30 p.m. Free admission.  
February 1 *A Few Good Men*  
February 15 *Ali*  
Doolittle Senior Center, 1950 N. J St., (702) 229-6125.  
Movie, popcorn and drink are on us.

**Duel in the Desert Wrestling Tournament**

Saturday, February 4, 9 a.m. \$10 entry fee for participants. Spectators free.  
Doolittle Community Center, 1950 N. J St.  
Weigh-in Friday, February 3, 6 to 8:30 p.m.  
Sanctioned AAU tournament with awards for first through third place in each class and division. Call 229-1646 for information.

**Free Gospel Night Concert**

Saturday, February 4, 6 p.m.  
East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave.  
Listen to some of the finest gospel talent in Las Vegas. Call (702) 229-5096 for information.

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**Soulful Taste & Coolrider Show** (all ages)

Sunday, February 5, 11 a.m. Free admission.

Freedom Park, Mojave Road at E. Washington Avenue. (702) 229-1646

Entry fees to compete for awards are \$15 per car, \$10 motorcycle; \$5 bicycle. Refreshments will be available for purchase.

**Heart of Black History Poetry Contest** (grades 6-12)

Submission deadline: Monday, February 6, 5 p.m. Free entry.

Students are invited to submit an original themed poem. Call (702) 229-5096 for instructions, information and submission locations. Winners will receive a \$75 gift certificate at the awards ceremony during the Mardi Gras Fest in Hills Park in Summerlin on Wednesday, February 25.

**2nd Annual Goodtimes Fish Fry**

Thursday, February 9, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets \$7 advance; \$10 event day.

Doolittle Senior Center, 1950 N. J St.

Heavy "D", Mr. Leon and the crew will serve freshly cooked fish with a variety of side dishes.

Space is limited; reserve early. Call (702) 229-6125.

**Black History Family Music Festival** (all ages)

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Fee: \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. Free for children under 3 years old.

Brinley Middle School Gymnasium, 2480 Maverick St., (702) 646-9046.

Enjoy an historical review of black music, presented by a variety of local performers.

***The Toy*, Movie in the Park**

Friday, February 17, 6 p.m. Free admission.

Cimarron Rose Park at the corner of Ann Road and Cimarron Road.

Bring the family to view a classic movie outdoors. Call (702) 229-1607 for information.

**2nd Annual Poetry Night**

Saturday, February 18, 7 p.m.

\$10 admission, includes light refreshments. Adults only, please.

Join host and local poet Tara "Bliss" Manor and other poets for an evening of spoken word poetry. Call (702) 229-5096 for information.

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center, 250 N. Eastern Ave.

**Gospel Luncheon and Fashion Show**

Tuesday, February 21, 11 a.m. Free admission with ticket.

After the show, join us for a soul food lunch (admission by ticket only, which will be distributed after the show). Call 229-6374 for information.

Doolittle Community Center, 1950 N. J St.

**Doolittle Dominos Tournament**

Thursday, February 23, 12:30 p.m. \$1 admission.

Doolittle Senior Center, 1950 N. J St.

The seniors at Doolittle will take on all competitors. Enter at your own risk! A good game of dominos knows no age barriers. Call (702) 229-6125.

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**Mardi Gras and Gumbo Festival**

Saturday, February 25, 11 a.m.

Free admission. \$5 buys 20 tickets to food vendors and game booths.

Hills Park in Summerlin, Hillpointe Road west of Rampart Boulevard.

Bring family and friends for music, food and fun! Call (702) 229-5096.

**2nd Annual Biz Whiz & Domino Tournament**

Friday, February 25, 6 p.m. \$10 admission.

Molasky Community School, 7801 W. Gilmore Ave.

Test your skills! Call 229-5345 for information.

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